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SUBJECT: GENSCHERGROMYKO MEETING AT THE UNGA

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1. FONOFF (SOVIET DIVISION KUEHN) CONFIRMED THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN GENSCHER AND GROMYKO SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF SEPT. 28 IS STILL ON. IN FACT, IT WILL PROBABLY BE PRECEDED BY A WORKING LUNCH.

2. GENSCHER PLANS TO MAKE THE MEETING BOTH POSITIVE AND GENERAL. HE WANTS TO AVOID A PROTRACTED DISCUSSION OF THE THREE PENDING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON WHICH HE IS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVES UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 3. RATHER, GENSCHER PLANS TO SKETCH THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF NEW INITIATIVES WHICH THE FRG MIGHT TAKE IN NOVEMBER, AFTER BOTH THE GERMAN AND US ELECTIONS. ACCORDING TO KUEHN, THERE IS NO GRAND SCHEME BEING WORKED ON IN THE FONOFF. RATHER, THE WORKING LEVEL IS STUDYING THE THREE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO SEE IF THERE IS NOT SOME WAY AROUND THE LOG JAM CAUSED BY THE BERLIN QUESTION. KUEHN CLAIMED THAT THINKING IN THE FONOFF

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HAD NOT ADVANCED VERY FAR AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT UNTIL

AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM GENSCHER'S SPEECH WRITER THAT GROMYKO IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON SEPT. 30, TWO DAYS AFTER GENSCHER AND THREE DAYS BEFORE THE GERMAN ELECTIONS. THIS TIMING WILL PROBABLY CAUSE GENSCHER TO TAKE A MODERATE STANCE IN HIS SPEECH SO AS NOT TO PROVOKE A SOVIET REACTION THAT WOULD HARM THE COALITION ON THE EVE OF THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS. GENSCHER'S SPEECH HAS NOT YET BEEN WRITTEN. THE FRG AMBASSADOR TO THE UN (VON WECHMAR) WILL RETURN TO BONN THIS WEEKEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAFTING.
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